

C2 (Amended)
23. A method of detecting a mutated retinoblastoma ("RB") gene, the method comprising the steps of:

- (i) isolating RNA from a cell sample;
- (ii) hybridizing the RNA with an isolated full-length, wild-type RB cDNA probe; and
- (iii) detecting the presence of an abnormal RB RNA, the presence of a normal RB RNA or absence of an RB RNA, wherein the presence of an abnormal RB RNA or the absence of an RB RNA indicates a mutated RB gene.

C3 (Twice Amended)
26. An isolated nucleic acid molecule that is complementary to a 4.7 kb retinal mRNA, said mRNA being present in a cellular sample isolated from a human who lacks symptoms of retinoblastoma neoplastic disease, wherein said isolated nucleic acid has the restriction fragment map shown in FIG. 1.

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27. An isolated nucleic acid molecule that encodes a retinoblastoma protein, wherein said retinoblastoma protein has the amino acid sequence shown in FIG. 6.

C4 (Amended)
28. An isolated nucleic acid molecule, wherein said nucleic acid has an open-reading frame, and wherein the 5' end of said open-reading frame is shown at nucleotide position four of the nucleotide sequence shown in FIG. 5, and the 3' end of said open-reading frame is shown at nucleotide position 2784 of the nucleotide sequence shown in FIG. 5.

C5 (Twice Amended)
31. A method of using the nucleic acid of claim 24 to express a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, said method comprising the steps of providing said nucleic acid in a cell or in an expression system, and expressing said polypeptide from said nucleic acid.

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C6 51. An isolated nucleic acid molecule, wherein said nucleic acid has an open-reading frame, and wherein the 5' end of said open-reading frame is shown at nucleotide position 337 of the nucleotide sequence shown in FIG. 5, and the 3' end of said open-reading frame is shown at nucleotide position 2784 of the nucleotide sequence shown in FIG. 5.

Please add the following new claims:

C7 53. A method of using the nucleic acid of claim 25 to express a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, said method comprising the steps of providing said nucleic acid in a cell or in an expression system, and expressing said polypeptide from said nucleic acid.

54. A method of using the nucleic acid of claim 26 to express a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, said method comprising the steps of providing said nucleic acid in a cell or in an expression system, and expressing said polypeptide from said nucleic acid.

55. A method of using the nucleic acid of claim 27 to express a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, said method comprising the steps of providing said nucleic acid in a cell or in an expression system, and expressing said polypeptide from said nucleic acid.

56. A method of using the nucleic acid of claim 28 to express a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, said method comprising the steps of providing said nucleic acid in a cell or in an expression system, and expressing said polypeptide from said nucleic acid.

57. A method of using the nucleic acid of claim 29 to express a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, said method comprising the steps of providing said nucleic acid in a cell or in an expression system, and expressing said polypeptide from said nucleic acid.

58. A method of using the nucleic acid of claim 30 to express a polypeptide encoded by

said nucleic acid, said method comprising the steps of providing said nucleic acid in a cell or in an expression system, and expressing said polypeptide from said nucleic acid.

59. A method of using the nucleic acid of claim 51 to express a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid, said method comprising the steps of providing said nucleic acid in a cell or in an expression system, and expressing said polypeptide from said nucleic acid.
